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### **LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: LOVE & FORGIVENESS READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP AT THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

*The Group Will Discuss "The Dead" by James Joyce*

**SAN DIEGO** — San Diego Public Library continues its free, five-part reading and discussion series called "Let's Talk About It: Love & Forgiveness," exploring the themes of love and forgiveness in everyday life through classic and contemporary literature. San Diego Public Library is one of only 50 libraries nationwide receiving a grant to host the program, developed by the American Library Association and the Fetzer Institute's Campaign for Love and Forgiveness. Local support for the series is provided by KPBS. Exploring the theme of *Love and Forgiveness in the Light of Death*, the fifth and final program in the series focuses on *The Dead* by James Joyce, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8, in the Wangenheim Room at the San Diego Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

*The Dead* is one of the twentieth century's most beautiful pieces of short literature. Taking his inspiration from a family gathering held every year on the Feast of the Epiphany, Joyce pens a story about a married couple attending a Christmas-season party at the house of the husbands' two elderly aunts. A shocking confession made by the husband's wife toward the end of the story showcases the power of Joyce's greatest innovation: the epiphany, that moment when everything, for character and reader alike, is suddenly clear.

Donald Wesling, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of English Literature will facilitate the book discussion. Dr. Wesling teaches at University of California, San Diego.

"We are delighted to have been chosen to host this unique series that will allow patrons a chance to discuss the themes of love and forgiveness with fellow community members and with the help of a well-qualified scholar," said Deborah Barrow, Library Director.

There are a limited number of books available for registrants with a San Diego Public Library

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